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Mavis & Ephraim Hawthorne Golden Krust Foundation Scholarship recipients pose with their awards and certificates at the official award ceremony held on August 12 at the United Church of Jesus Christ, Bronx. Sixteen deserving students were awarded with scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each and book grant towards their college expenses. Golden Krust's CEO Lowell Hawthorne congratulated the students as they seek higher education and pledged the company's ongoing support for educational and youth development in the local communities.

Fake Lawyer Convicted

By Kimmy Blair
Street Hype Reporter

A Queens jury has convicted former Astoria businessman Mohammed Rafikian, (also known as Mo Kian), 54, of holding himself out as an attorney and a registered investment advisor and stealing \$5 million from seven individuals through real estate and capital investment transactions.

Rafikian was the chairman and chief executive officer of First Investors Capital Corporation, located at 34-13 Broadway in Astoria, Queens. He also periodically worked as a paralegal for the law firm of

Marcus & Associates, which maintained an office as a subtenant at Rafikian's Astoria office. It was the named partner of this law firm whose identity that Rafikian assumed.

Rafikian was convicted on August 15 of one count of first-degree grand larceny, seven counts of second-degree grand larceny, six counts of second-degree criminal impersonation, three counts of first-degree scheme to defraud and three counts of practicing law without a license following a two-month jury trial before Queens Supreme Court Justice Daniel Lewis, who set sentencing for October 16, 2014.

Rafikian, who has been in jail in lieu of bail since originally being arrest in May 2004, faces up to fifty years in prison.

According to trial testimony, Rafikian held himself out as an attorney and practiced law at 34-13 Broadway in Astoria between March 2000 and December 2005, during which time he unlawfully stole approximately

\$5 million from seven individuals. The victims included a cardiologist, a dentist, a bar manager, a retired disabled elevator mechanic, a NYCHA inspector, a painting contractor and a family friend.

In one instance, for example, Rafikian took \$3.2 million from an individual and promised to invest the funds at a promised

rate of return of 26 percent. The defendant provided no statements to the individual nor did he return the money upon demand. The defendant, however, did send the client two checks, totaling \$150,000, which were returned for insufficient funds.

In a second instance, the defendant took more than \$900,000 from another individual for the purchase of a building in Astoria. However, Rafikian neither purchased the building nor did he return the funds when requested. In addition, the defendant sold a laundromat on behalf of the individual for \$75,000 but only remitted \$12,000 to him.

In yet a third instance, testified to at trial, an individual gave the defendant approximately \$816,000 for the purchase of a house and a bar. However, the purchases never took place and the defendant failed to return the money when demanded by the client.

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EDITORIAL

Politicians should fix the problem of racism

Yet, another African American was killed by the police under questionable circumstances in a community somewhere in the USA.

According to a study released by the Freedom Apostle organization -police officers, security guards, or self-appointed vigilantes- extrajudicial killed at least 313 African Americans in 2012.

As the widespread kills continue, other African Americans face other forms of oppression, discrimination and racial profiling.

The mass incarceration of nonwhites is also part of the scheme to keep black people down.

While African-Americans constitute 13.1% of the nation's population, they make up nearly 40% of the prison population. Even though African-Americans use or sell drugs about the same rate as whites,

they are 2.8 to 5.5 times more likely to be arrested for drugs than whites. Black offenders also receive longer sentences compared to whites.

But, why the barefaced attack on African-Americans. We have a black president and millions of African American people in other powerful and influential positions.

African-Americans are like any other race of people. We have very good and bad people.

We are mixed with all races of people in politics and business as well as members of our family. We are now a very multi-racial society and in the next 100 years, the genetics will be further integrated.

There are several states and federal laws to protect everybody including black or white, gays or heterosexuals from any form of discrimination or inequity, yet it

would appear that a significant number of white police officers in America are quick to step on the rights of any African Americans.

In our opinion, something is definitely wrong with our leadership at the city, state and federal levels when an officer of these agencies frequently used their office or position to abuse a specific set of people.

The police take instructions and orders from our politicians who in most cases are supported by African Americans.

Should we assume that our white or perhaps black politicians are very hypocritical and may be quietly supporting police brutality in our communities?

We can only control oppression and discrimination, if we are organized and demand that our political leaders fix the problems.

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Your passion will help you become a leader!

"Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong."

—Ella Fitzgerald

I recently launched a branch of my business in Jamaica. I am excited by this new venture of a test preparation center SAT/GRE/GMAT LSAT.

I am still maneuvering my way trying to learn the ropes there. After many delays with my phone line issues, the phone technician came to the new tutoring center. He immediately glanced over to notice my book, Females guide to understanding leadership. He asked, "are you the author of that book and is your book strictly for females?"

I laughed and said no, it's not. I informed him that males are my main supporters of this book. He then sat down and glanced over the content of the book. Immediately I realized that he had a lot on his mind. I asked if he wanted to share his thoughts.

He agreed, but I didn't expect his selection of topic. He explained that he was at a crossroad in his life. Where he works is to put food on his table but he has no love for it. He once had a job that paid him a higher salary, but resign because he wanted to go back to university.

Two years later he is still not enrolled in the university. I spoke to him about seeking his passion, something that I talk about in my book.

When you feel passionate, you are energized and motivated to take action to use your passion to achieve a purpose.

Finding your passion will help you become a leader, because it will help you communicate your excitement to others, which can inspire you to pursue goals and objectives related to your passion. Finding

Dr Neva Alexander SPEAKS

After he left my office, I sat back thinking that I know exactly how he feels. That place where you are frustrated, looking for answers, or a clue to something that would be financially rewarding.

You don't want to make the wrong decision. You might be comfortable, but you are still not happy. You start to think what others will think, but at the same time telling yourself who cares what others think. Based on my experience I will say to you, "be happy."

But being happy might also mean stepping out of your comfort zone. Stepping outside of that zone might include, stress, fear, and feeling of regrets. You might feel alone without support. You will come to a fork in the road of life where you can turn

back to your safety zone or you can keep going and weather that storm.

I decided to weather the storm because I have one life that I am aware of and I am going to live it being happy. I am going to follow my dream, my intuition and passion.

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your passion may be difficult. There may be many things you like to do—but only a few things that make you feel passionate.

NEWS

Councilman Wants Healthier Fast Food Meals for Kids

Manhattan Councilman Ben Kallos says Happy Meals

will need to become healthier meals and plans to introduce a bill requiring strict new health standards on fast food kids meals that offer free items like toys.

The Councilman would ban fast food restaurants from including the freebies if the meals exceed 500 calories and

more than 600 milligrams of sodium.

Restaurants would also be forced to include at least half a cup of fruit or vegetables, or a serving of whole-grain products in kids meals.

First-time offenders would face a fine of \$200 to \$500. A third offense could cost as much as \$2,500.

Debt Collector barred from Filing Actions Against Consumers

COMMACK: Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman recently announced that his office reached a settlement with Forster & Garbus, one of the largest debt collection firms in New York State, to ensure that it does not file actions against New Yorkers to collect on payday loans.

A payday loan is a type of short-term borrowing – sometimes due in two weeks, which accounts for the name – in which the consumer borrows a small amount of money at interest rates that can range from 100 percent to 650 percent or more.

Payday loans are illegal because the interest rates far exceed the maximum of 16 percent allowed under New York law for most lenders not licensed by the State. This settlement is part of an ongoing crackdown by Attorney General Schneiderman on payday loans.

"Payday loans take money away from hardworking New Yorkers who are forced to pay illegal and outrageous interest rates," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "Debt collection firms must make certain that the underlying loan is not a payday loan before filing a lawsuit, and they will be held responsible if they fail to do so. Ignorance is no excuse."

The Attorney General's investigation showed that a company called NCEP, LLC placed consumer debts with Forster & Garbus, located in Commack, for collection. These included payday loans, and on five occasions it attempted to collect on payday loans from New Yorkers. Forster & Garbus represented to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) that it had not been aware that the loans were payday loans, and after notification from the OAG, Forster & Garbus stopped its collection efforts.

Palestinian banner unfurled on NYC bridge

By The Associated Press
NEW YORK-(AP):

Pro-Palestinian activists marching along the Brooklyn Bridge got an eyeful when a giant flag banner in Palestinian colors was unfurled on the nearby Manhattan Bridge.

The flag had the words "Boycott, Divest, Sanction" and was lowered from a part of the bridge near the Manhattan side Wednesday evening. Activists on the Brooklyn Bridge met its

appearance with cheers. The BDS movement is an international effort against Israel over the settlements.

The banner was taken back up a short time after. Police said no one was arrested in connection with its display.

It's the second time in recent months that flags have unexpectedly shown up on city bridges. In July, two white flags were put in the place of American flags on top of the Brooklyn Bridge.

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DO THE RIGHT THING DAY:

Filmmaker Spike Lee poses with his proclamation from Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams declaring this Saturday as "Do the Right Thing Day" in honor of the 25th anniversary of the award-winning film. During a press conference on the steps of Brooklyn Borough Hall; they were joined by (from left to right) Council Member Robert Cornegy Jr. and State Senator Velmanette Montgomery. "Spike created an image of Brooklyn that was

beyond the headlines, beyond the stereotypes and beyond the negative images. It showed Brooklyn in the eyes of everyday Brooklynites," said Borough President Adams. "After 25 years, today Brooklyn Borough Hall is doing the right thing and signing this proclamation to Spike Lee and 'Do the Right Thing.' Long before any of us were here in this beautiful place, Spike was there doing the right thing."

Department of Justice gets Over 33,000 Signed Petitions Justice for Ramarley Graham!

Following the delivery of petitions by Ramarley Graham's parents, the Justice Committee issued the following statement from Co-Director Loyda Colon:

The Justice Committee is honored to stand by Constance Malcolm and Franciot Graham,

Ramarley Graham's parents, as they continue their struggle for justice and accountability for the NYPD killing of their son.

Today we supported Ramarley's family as they delivered over 33,000 signed petitions demanding the Department of Justice (DOJ) launch a full investigation into this case. These signatures represent an outpouring of sentiment from New Yorkers and others across the country that the DOJ must step up and do its job.

It has been over two years since Ramarley was killed by NYPD Officer Richard Haste in his own home and over a year since the DOJ said it was reviewing the case. There is still no indication that an investigation is underway. Like so many other families who have lost loved ones to police brutality, Ramarley's family has been given no information about what's going on.

Today we sent a clear message. Attorney General Eric Holder and U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara have been put on notice: Ramarley's family should have to wait no longer for justice and accountability.

The DOJ must thoroughly investigate and convene a grand jury to indict Richard Haste on federal civil rights charges. This will not only be a step toward just-



Ramarley Graham was killed by NYPD Officer Richard Haste in his own home. The DOJ said it was reviewing the case.

tice for Ramarley's family, it will send a message that the lives of Black and brown youth matter and that police brutality will not be tolerated any longer.

We also call on U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara to schedule a meeting with Ramarley's parents no

later than September 19, 2014. The Justice Committee is a Latino, a-led grassroots organization dedicated to building a movement against police violence and systemic racism in New York City.



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NEWS

Connecticut Salesman Indicted on

Tax Charges

NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT Terry DiMartino, a Newington, Connecticut, man was indicted last Thursday by a grand jury in the District of Connecticut for one count of corruptly interfering with the due administration of the internal revenue laws, two counts of filing false tax returns and five counts of willfully failing to file tax returns, the Justice Department and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced.

According to the indictment filed against him, which was unsealed August 19 Terry DiMartino corruptly endeavored to obstruct and impede the due administration of the internal revenue laws by, among other things, mailing and causing to be mailed to the IRS false tax returns, including a return requesting a false \$14 million refund; submitting worthless bonds on a timely basis that purported to satisfy his tax liabilities; and using nominees to hide and conceal assets to prevent the IRS from collecting on his tax liabilities. The indictment also alleges that DiMartino failed to file individual income tax returns on a timely basis for 2008 through 2012.

A trial date has not been scheduled. If convicted, DiMartino would face a statutory maximum sentence of 14 years in prison as well as be subject to fines.



Assemblyman N. Nick Perry

ALBANY:

Assemblyman N. Nick Perry, along with several colleagues from the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus on August 20, called on Governor Andrew Cuomo to appoint a special prosecutor to take over the investigation and prosecution of the Eric Garner homicide case.

In his letter to Governor Cuomo, Assemblyman Perry referenced striking similarities with the handling of the investigation of the Eric Garner homicide and the infamous Howard Beach murder of Michael Griffith. In the tragic Howard Beach case the Queens County District Attorney had displayed obvious reluctance to act decisively and allowed the investigation to drag on, while disregarding the public's cry for decisive and timely action.

"This is exactly what has been happen-

ing with the Eric Garner homicide investigation and this has created an environment that is only conducive to an explosion of public distrust," said Assemblyman Perry.

Public mistrust and skepticism in the Queens District Attorney prompted Governor Mario Cuomo to act after only 25 days and appoint a special prosecutor in the Howard Beach case.

"Even with yesterday's announcement of the planned empaneling of a grand jury, the seeming reluctance from the Staten Island District Attorney's Office to act decisively, instead allowing the investigation to drag on at a lethargic pace, is only continuing the erosion of public trust in our justice system," said Assemblyman Perry.

"The family of Eric Garner, and all New Yorkers concerned with transparency and that justice will come from this investigation, have already waited too long. Almost three weeks have elapsed since the medical examiner ruled Garner's death a homicide, videos clearly show Officer Daniel Pantaleo applying a banned chokehold to Eric Garner's neck. America is left wondering why it has taken so long for District Attorney Donovan to determine that a grand jury should be hearing evidence on this case."

Assemblyman Nick Perry represents the 58th Assembly District in the East Flatbush, Brownsville and Canarsie neighborhoods of Brooklyn. Assemblyman Perry is Deputy Majority Leader of the New York State Assembly.

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Macy's Settles Lawsuit Alleging Racial Profiling

Macy's has agreed to pay \$650,000 to settle allegations of racial profiling at its flagship store in Herald Square.

Under the agreement with State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, the company will allow police officers easier access to security footage, further train employees and keep better records of detentions.

Macy's will also adopt new policies to

prevent racial profiling and report for three years on compliance.

The settlement is in response to more than a dozen recent complaints of profiling and false detentions of shoppers.

Store officials say the company strictly prohibits discrimination.

Last week, Barney's came to a similar multi-million dollar settlement over racial profiling at their Manhattan location.



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ANTIGUA PM Browne lambastes the IMF

he International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Party and the previous United Progressive Party administration came under fire when Prime Minister Gaston Browne delivered his vision for Antigua & Barbuda's economy. Browne in a no holds barred address at the Economic Business Forum, hosted jointly by the Antigua & Barbuda Chamber of Commerce and IMF Western Hemisphere Department, held the IMF responsible for contributing to economic stagnation in the country and harming the investment climate. "The fiscal problems have not been resolved, but yet still we are being asked to pay back EC\$320 million over the next four years," Browne said. "When the IMF come and gives us EC\$320 million for four years it does not help us."

GUYANA Amerindian Heritage Month

The Ministry of Amerindian Affairs has planned a series of activities to celebrate Amerindian Heritage Month. In the month of September the spotlight will be on Guyana's indigenous people, the Amerindians. The Ministry of Amerindian Affairs on August 19 officially launched Amerindian Heritage Month 2014 during a press conference at the Ministry under the

theme: "Traditional Embodiment for Amerindian Development".

Amerindian Heritage Month was affirmed in September 1995 by then Executive President Dr. Cheddi Jagan of the PPP/C Government after the administration acknowledged the need for Guyanese to commemorate its indigenous people. The activities for the month's celebration will begin with an inter-faith church service at Umana Yana and will culminate with a heritage dinner and prize-giving ceremony at the Georgetown Club, Camp Street on September 26.

BARBADOS

Education Opportunity
Sheena Alleyne of The Student Centre, a private student recruitment agency acknowledges that there are a lot of opportunities to make money through encouraging foreign students to study in Barbados. This point was made during a seminar on "Education As Big Business" organized by the Barbados Coalition of Service Industries.

She went on to say that even a small group of students could end up pumping millions of dollars into the economy over a few years because of tuition fees, accommodation and other expenses. Some of the opportunities highlighted included telecommunication, insurance, health care, entertainment and other services to make money.



Dr. Binoy Chattuparambil
Chief Cardiac Surgeon
Health City Cayman Islands

Cayman Islands Performs First Lvad Heart Surgery

GEORGETOWN, Grand Cayman:

A Caribbean man suffering from heart failure now has a new lease on life following the successful installation of an artificial heart pump by the medical team at the recently opened Health City Cayman Islands.

Believed to be the first such treatment performed in the Caribbean, Health City

Cayman Islands officials explained that the organ has become severely weakened and unable to pump sufficient blood to the entire body, the most promising forms of treatment are either heart transplant or the implantation of devices that support the failing heart and takeover of its functions.

Mild forms of heart failure can be treated with medications and patients can have a reasonably normal life. But, when advanced heart failure occurs, medications won't be effective and patients are likely to be incapacitated, home bound and their life expectancy significantly reduced.

"The challenge with heart transplants is the availability of a donor heart," lamented chief cardiac surgeon Dr. Binoy

Chattuparambil, who performed the life-saving surgery on the Caymanian man alongside cardiologist Dr. Ravi Kishore, head of the heart failure clinic, and Dr. Dhruba Kumar who heads an experienced team of anesthesiologists and critical care specialists with deep experience handling such high-end procedures.

Affectionately referred to as Dr. Binoy, the senior cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon who has performed more than 5,000 surgeries in his career, noted that many times the waiting period is so long that most patients die before getting assistance.

"In this situation you can provide LVAD as a final choice of treatment or as a temporary measure until you get a donor heart," he explained, noting that of the numerous heart surgeries done each year in the United States, only a small percentage of LVADs are performed.

Arrest warrant against former Haitian president

By Joseph Guyler Delva

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (HCNN):

A Haitian judge, conducting a criminal inquiry into acts of corruption blamed on Haiti's former president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, said on Tuesday that he was still waiting for the police to bring Aristide before him by will or by force, in compliance with an arrest warrant issued last week.

Judge Lamarre Bélizaire rejected claims that the arrest warrant issued for Aristide would no longer hold since a motion seeking his recusal as investigating magistrate has been filed by the ex-president's lawyers.

"I issued an arrest warrant for Mr. Aristide and I don't know what takes the police so long to bring him before me, because they know where he is," Bélizaire told the Haitian-Caribbean News Network (HCNN) on Tuesday.

"I heard rumours that I had waived the arrest warrant. I want to say that it is absolutely false," stated Bélizaire.

"The warrant still holds and I am still the judge in charge of the inquiry and nothing has changed in that regard," he said.

The investigating judge said he will continue to carry out his work in conformity with existing laws, without any form of abuse. "I don't have any particular problem with anybody. I am a judge and I am only doing what the law requires me to do and that is all I can say for now," Bélizaire told HCNN.



Jean-Bertrand Aristide
Haiti's former president

Aristide and over 30 of his current and former allies have been banned from leaving the country after being accused of embezzling hundreds of millions of dollars in public funds and laundering drug money, between 2001 and 2004, during Aristide's presidency.

Aristide's lawyers claim the judge no longer has the authority to proceed in the case regarding acts of corruption blamed on the former leader, and dozens of his allies, now that he has been challenged.

However, other lawyers say the contrary.

Globe-athon focuses on cancers

By Janice Morgan-Hagan, CPC, MSA
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Globe-athon started as a relay race in Washington, DC in September 2013, and grew into an international movement committed to raising awareness and expanding research on gynecologic cancers. (Cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar cancer.)

Throughout September, thousands of people in over 80 countries across the globe will host events to help raise awareness of the often silent and deadly, yet often unmentioned GYN cancers.

Globe-athon encourages advocacy groups, health care professionals, survivors and the public to unify by participating in

international relay races to help foster greater awareness and education about GYN cancer.

A primary reason why GYN cancers are so challenging to beat is because women don't recognize the symptoms.

If Globe-athon can make enough noise, then more women will pay attention to what their bodies are trying to tell them and seek medical attention while the disease is still in its early, more treatable stages.

More awareness could also lead to more funding for patient care and for vital research that will enable scientists around the globe to crush cancerous mutations and eventually even prevent cancerous cells from forming.

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LEGAL ISSUES

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Court Approves Buju's Request

The US Appeals Court has granted a request by Buju Banton's attorneys, that they be allowed to present oral arguments before the court.

Lawyers for Buju Banton also known as Mark Myrie, are trying to get the court to grant the entertainer a new trial.

He was sentenced to ten years in prison on cocaine charges in June 2011.

His lawyers are arguing, that he was entrapped by a paid informant, and that there is clear evidence of juror misconduct.

Lead attorney, Charles

Buju Banton

Ogletree, says the court's decision to allow oral arguments is a positive step towards justice and freedom for Buju Banton.

No date has yet been set for the lawyers to appear.

LEGAL NEWS

NY Regulators Hit PwC With \$25M Fine, 2-Year Consulting Ban

New York regulators on Monday hit PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP with a \$25 million fine and a two-year ban from providing consulting services to financial institutions under state supervision for allegedly helping a Japanese bank conceal transactions it processed for countries under U.S. sanctions.

Arab Bank Balks At Alleged Hamas Ties In Terror Funding Trial

In a Brooklyn federal courthouse Monday, attorneys for Arab Bank PLC sought to dismantle allegations that the Jordanian bank funneled money to known terrorists such as Hamas, challenging expert testimony that tried to lay the groundwork for the unprecedented case by linking Hamas to attacks in Israel and Palestinian territories.

New York Targets Consultant Conflicts With PwC Penalty

New York financial regulators on Monday took direct aim at compliance consultants that fail to sufficiently protect against conflicts of interest when they barred PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP from taking on business from state-registered financial institutions for two years because of its alleged willingness to water down reports at a client's request.

NY Times Exits Subscription Fraud Class Action

The New York Times Co. on Monday was dropped from a putative class action in New York federal court claiming it turned a blind eye to a subscription fraud scheme orchestrated by an outside vendor, although co-defendants Dow Jones & Co. and Forbes Inc. remain in the suit.

Farm Violated NY Law By Rejecting Same-Sex Wedding

A New York farm violated state law when it refused to ink an agreement allowing a same-sex couple to marry there, a state agency has held, fining the Liberty Ridge Farm \$10,000 and awarding complainants Melisa and Jennifer McCarthy \$1,500 each for mental anguish.

What should a tenant bring to court?

A. A tenants should bring all money order receipts, canceled checks, or other receipts related to rent payment. A tenant should also bring a copy of

the lease and lease renewal, if any, and records, including pictures and notes about problems with the apartment. Bring receipts for materials purchased to repair the apartment, if any.

Q. What happens if I need a postponement (a later court date)?

A. Ask for an "adjournment," which is the same as a postponement. Sometimes both parties can agree to "adjourn" the case to another day and let the judge know that. When

they do not agree, the person wanting the adjournment must ask the judge for one.

Q. In an eviction case,

what happens if a tenant and a landlord can't agree?

A. They will have a trial. The landlord will have to prove the case. If the landlord can't prove the case, it will be thrown out; if the landlord proves the case, the landlord will get a judgment against the tenant for the eviction.

Q. What is an Order to Show Cause?

A. An Order to Show Cause is a written request to bring the

case to a Judge for a reason or reasons in the Order to Show Cause papers. An Order to Show Cause must be signed by a judge and will state the

date, time, and courtroom for the hearing. In New York City you can use the free Tenant Affidavit to Restore Case to Calendar DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Form program to make the court papers you need.

Q. What is an inspection?

A. In a case where a tenant claims that items or conditions in an apartment need repair, an inspector (who is not in the case) can be sent to the tenant's apartment to look

at the claim. A tenant may

request an inspection when he or she first comes to the Clerk's Office or on the first court date.

Q. What is an HP action?

A. This is a court case started by a tenant to have a landlord make repairs to an apartment. (The "H" is for "housing" and the "P" is for "part.") Usually, the cost to start an HP action is \$45.00. If a tenant can't afford the filing fee, he or she can get forms from the Clerk for starting the action without paying the fee. A court can order an apartment inspection date and a date, time, and courtroom where the tenant and landlord must go.

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SPORTS



Ottis Gibson 'mutually agrees' to leave post as West Indies coach

Ottis Gibson has left his role as West Indies coach by "mutual agreement", ending his four-year tenure.

Team manager Richie Richardson will take charge on an interim basis, starting with Wednesday's one-day international against Bangladesh.

West Indies won nine of 36 Tests under 45-year-old Gibson, who took up the post in February 2010.

Gibson's finest moment as West Indies coach was guiding the team to victory in the ICC World Twenty20 in 2012.

West Indies under Gibson -played 36 Tests, winning nine and losing 16 with four series victories. Won 36 of 93 one-



day internationals, and 22 of 47 Twenty20 matches.

West Indies will play three ODIs, a Twenty20 international and two Test matches against Bangladesh. "The

WICB wishes to express its gratitude to Mr Gibson for his unwavering commitment and professionalism during his tenure as the coach of the West Indies team," said a statement on the West Indies Cricket Board website.

Caribbean Cup Q-finals results

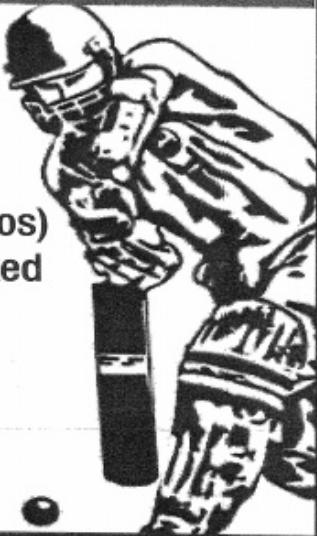


#7 Ronald DeMadet of Haiti & #14 Marcus Julien, Grenada in Brooklyn on August 17.
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Man of many faces turns 28

Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt attends a press conference at the National Stadium in Warsaw, Poland on Wednesday. Bolt, who celebrated his 28th birthday yesterday, was in Poland to participate in the fifth edition of the Athletic Memorial, which pays tribute to deceased Polish hammer thrower and Olympic Champion Kamila Skolimowska. (PHOTO: AFP)

Diamond League wins for

Williams Mills, Carter

Novlene Williams Mills, Jamaica's eight time national 400 meter champion, has described her victory at Thursday's Stockholm Diamond League meet was an emotional one.

Williams Mills was one of two Jamaican winners at the meet, clocking an impressive 50.09 seconds to win the women's 400 meters. Fellow Jamaicans Stephanie McPherson, 51.01, and Christine Day, 52.03, ended 4th and 5th respectively.

She revealed in her post-race interview that it just happened to be the fourth anniversary of the death of her sister, and

only a few days after the passing of a dear friend. "So I had a lot of emotions coming into this race, but I didn't want it to upset my race," she said.

With only one more race to run in the series in Brussels, on September 5, Williams Mills has virtually secured the diamond trophy as she leads with an unassailable 18 points, 10 more than nearest challenger Sanya Richards Ross.

Nesta Carter was the other Jamaican winner, clocking his season's best - 9.96- to win the men's 100 meters. His compatriot, Nickel Ashmeade, ended 4th in 10.10.

Newly crowned Commonwealth Games champion Odyane Richards was 5th in the men's shot putt, with a throw of 20.46 meters. The event was won by

American Keena Hoffman with 21.06 meters. The next Diamond League meet will take place on Sunday in Birmingham, England.

Latin America, Caribbean Take 18 Medals at Youth Olympics

Nanjing, China:

Latin American and Caribbean countries participating in the Second Youth Olympics have won 18 medals in five days of competition, led by Brazil with two gold, one silver and one bronze. Brazil's gold medals were for Layana Colman in judo (52 kilograms) and

Quirino Marques in taekwondo (63 kg), with a bronze in table tennis for Hugo Caldeiro, the first one captured by Latin America in a sport traditionally controlled by Asians. Mexico has two silver, Jose Nava, (taekwondo, 63 kg) and Ana Lilia Duran (weightlifting, 63 kg) and one bronze, Mitzi Carrillo.

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ENTERTAINMENT

All Set for West Indian American Day Carnival

BROOKLYN:

On Thursday August 28th, the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA) will kick off New York Caribbean Carnival 2014 with the inaugural Caribbean Woodstock: A Celebration of Light featuring some of the best Caribbean talent to include Skinny Banton (Grenada) singing his hit single Saltfish, Adrian Dutchin (Guyana), Problem Child (St. Vincent) singing his Vincy Ragga Soca tune Obsession, Ricardo Drue (Antigua) the Jumpy Soca Monarch, Surette Bon Bon (Haiti), Mickey (Barbados), Statement (Barbados) singing I Come Out to Party fresh from Crop Over 2014, Zouk & the Gang (Guadeloupe), Mr. Famous (Trinidad) known for the popular hit Play More Local, and Jamaica's own Reggae super-

star Tarrus Riley singing tunes She's Royal and more from his latest album entitled Love Situation!

All events will run through Monday, September 1st (Labor Day), ending with North America's largest costumed street parade/dance party on Eastern Parkway from 11:00am – 6:00pm.



NYPD Officials have assured WIADCA that the Carnival Parade will end at 6 pm and not earlier as rumored.

AFUWI Golf & Tennis OPEN

The American Foundation for The University of the West Indies (AFUWI) Golf & Tennis Open will be held at the Hampshire Country Club on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 from

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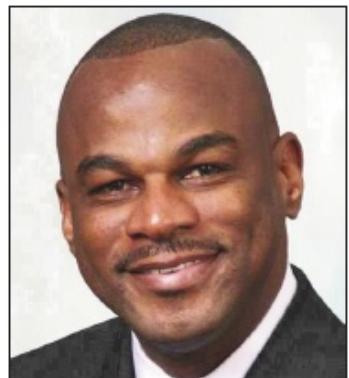
Jamaica Ex-Soldier Gala for Sept 20

The Jamaica Ex-Soldier Association will be celebrating its 7th Annual Fundraising Gala scheduled for Saturday, September 20 at 8:00 pm at Antun's Banquet Hall in Queens.

CEO of Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery, Lowell Hawthorne, O.D., will be the guest speaker. Some 400 guests including the Consul General of Jamaica, NY, the Chief-of-Staff of the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) as well as local City and State elected leaders have been invited to the "Black-Tie Gala," – the official and premier event of the organization.

President of the Association, Fitzroy Thompson explains that proceeds of this year's Gala will go toward scholarships support of the Jamaica Defence Force Dialysis Program and other charities in

Jamaica and the United States. The Jamaica Ex-Soldiers Association New York Inc is a membership organization located in The Bronx. The mission of the Association is to initiate and facilitate the ongoing development and implemen-



**Lowell Hawthorne, CEO
Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery**

tation of socially and environmentally responsible programs targeting the individual and collective needs of Jamaican ex-soldiers.

For further information, contact Fitzroy Thompson at 914-258-0175 or Mark Parkinson at 917-957-8517.

Lovindeer Braata Gala

Iconic Jamaican singer and lyricist Lloyd Lovindeer, whose signature hit Wild Gilbert is among the most popular Jamaican songs of all time- will headline the list of performers at the Braata Productions Fifth Anniversary Fundraising Gala, to be held at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center in Queens New York on Saturday September 13, 2014.

A cocktail reception starting from 6:30pm will precede the concert and awards presentation at 8pm.

The evening will also honor five individuals and organizations with Jamaican/ Caribbean roots who have made invaluable contributions to the community over the years in their respective fields of endeavor, ranging from community and public service to sports and the arts.

This year's honorees are Paul Campbell, Team Jamaica Bickle, Brian Cunningham, Rev. Glenworth Miles &



Lloyd Lovindeer

Michelle McClymont. According to Founder and Executive Director of Braata Productions Andrew Clarke - who will once again lead the Braata Folk Singers in their performance as hosts of the Gala- the success of the annual fundraising event in former years has inspired the company to go the extra mile in this year's production, as it continues to celebrate its fifth anniversary of existence

Caribbean Food Festival for September

The Heartbeats of the World will be hosting the Caribbean & International Taste "Charity Caribbean Food Festival," on September 14, 2014 - 2 pm – 6 pm at the Jamaica Performing Arts Centre, Jamaica Avenue, Queens.

Heartbeats of the World is a non-profit organization which was founded by Dr. Karlene ChinQuee in 2002.

The mission of Heartbeats of the World is to enrich the lives of women, adolescents and children in underserved areas of the world by providing medical resources, educational and vocational opportunities to address poverty, unemployment, illiteracy and the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually trans-

mitted diseases and teenage pregnancy.

The Heartbeats' Teen's program has provided remedial education to more than 350 young people to supplement their regular education; and the HOW Kids Program provides pre-kindergarten education.

The legendary Mighty Sparrow and the world famous music spinner, DJ Roy, MC Conroy Allison from 93.5 FM and Japanese Musician Anna I, Brown Rice & Family Drumming will provide entertainment.

Tickets may be obtained online at howeduate.org. For more information call 917 916 3674 "Pat Chin and Dr Karlene ChinQuee.

What's the Difference Between Governors Cuomo, Christie & Perry?

You should know that there is an old saying: "You can indict a ham and cheese sandwich." This means that the level of proof needed to indict a defendant might not be very high. It also means that the power and resources available to the prosecutors may be so strong that they can crush anyone who gets in their way.

You should also know that on August 15, 2014, Texas Governor Rick Perry was indicted by a Texas grand jury for charges relating to the abuse of power.

According to the August 19, 2014 edition of the New York Times: "The indictment, returned by a grand jury on Friday in Travis County, Tex., stemmed from Mr. Perry's efforts to force the resignation of Rosemary Lehberg, the county's district attorney, after her arrest on a drunken-driving charge. Mr. Perry threatened to veto funding to her office unless she quit, a threat that he ultimately carried out by vetoing \$7.5 million earmarked for the Public Integrity Unit that was intended to fight official corruption."

You should know that the US Attorney for the District of New Jersey has been busy investigating charges against Governor Chris Christie relating to the abuse of power. On June 25, 2014, the *Daily Beast* reported: "Just a few days after the lane closures on the George Washington Bridge became its own term with a scandal-signifying suffix, Dawn Zimmer, the Mayor of Hoboken, alleged that two members of Christie's Cabinet told her that she would not receive additional money



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

By Senator

to rebuild her town unless she decided to go ahead with a proposed real estate project. Zimmer described being pulled aside by Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno at an event and informed what the deal was: Do as the administration wants or watch your town struggle to bounce back. Guadagno, for her part, has categorically denied Zimmer's accusations."

Here in New York State, the rule of law is that when the actions of the director or board members of an organization that is funded by the State are displeasing to the Governor, the Governor has the power to intervene.

We all know how this happened to the National Puerto Rican Day Parade's Board, to the Hunts Point Multi-Service Center, and to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty. If board members refused to resign, the Governor would use his power to stop the funding.

In the case of the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman found that there was no

wrongdoing by the Board President Madelyn Lugo - nor any member of the Board - yet the entire Board was forced to resign.

In the case of the Bronx Hunts Point Multi-Service Center, which was founded in

1968 by former City Councilman Ramon Velez and provided health care to 600 people per week, the government cited poor management and diminished their funding.

In 2012, the State quietly shut down the Hunts Point Multi-Service Center, giving only two weeks for the counselors to transfer 470 patients to other Bronx methadone clinics.

In the case of the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, Mr. William Rapfogel resigned as the Chief Executive, pled guilty to grand larceny, money laundering, tax fraud, and filing false documents to the Board. Mr. Rapfogel, husband of Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's Chief of Staff, and the organization he led for more than two decades, had received millions of dollars

from the State through Speaker Silver. Mr. Rapfogel paid more than \$3 million dollars in restitution and was sentenced to 3-1/2 to 10 years in prison.

My dear reader, if we think about how in Texas, an organization can turn the tables and bring charges against the governor, it seems to me that they have opened Pandora's Box for the rest of us.

Ladies and gentlemen, there is no difference between the three governors. We will wait and see how the rule of law plays out for the future.

New Rochelle Nursing Home Settles \$2.2 M Fraudulent Billings

NEW ROCHELLE:

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman and U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch recently announced that they have entered into settlement agreements with a New Rochelle nursing home resolving allegations that the facility and its owner submitted tens of thousands of inflated claims to the New York State Medicaid Program.

The claims sought reimbursement for services provided, but at artificially high rates. Under the agreements, Ralex Services, Inc., doing business as Glen Island Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, and its owner, Leah Friedman, will return \$2.2 million to Medicaid, a program jointly funded by the state and federal governments. New York will receive \$1,320,000 of the total restitution funds.

According to allegations made by the state and federal governments, the 182-bed Glen Island facility, located at 490 Pelham Road in New Rochelle, submitted more than 62,000 false claims to New York's Department of Health from April 2002 to November 2006. The false claims used Medicaid reimbursement rates based, in part, on up-coded Patient Review Instruments (PRIs), which falsely represented the degree of care required by many Glen Island residents during the mandatory quarterly assessment periods covered by these submissions.

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You may be going through some rough times. Feeling downhearted, forgotten by friends, relatives even by God and you question what went wrong? You may feel unappreciated, and wonder why you are trying so hard when all your efforts don't seem to matter.

Let me assure you that you are not alone in this; many of us go through this dry desolate place. Be encouraged, as we always say in Jamaica, "nothing lasts forever, only salvation" there is an end in sight and God will lead you there, Only Believe!

The true story is told of a junky man, who bought a piece of land for \$700. It had belonged to a gold-miner who had mined much gold from the land. Although for months he continued to tunnel, he came to the conclusion that he had exhausted its supply, so he abandoned the mine and after many years he sold the land.

The junky-man decided to clean up the mining equipment that had been abandoned on the land and started mining. He had barely gone three feet when he struck a mother load! He struck it rich!

This story demonstrates how important it is to never give up, never quit, because your answer may just be 3 feet away! Three days away! One more prayer away! God knows your problem, he knows where you live, don't despair, don't quit... God will see you through.

Hold on to God's promises. "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb 13:5). "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Phil 4:6). "This poor man cried and the Lord delivered him out of all his troubles" (Ps 34:6).

When appealing to God there are some basic rules: (1) Ask in faith, believing. (2) Do not ask amiss (i.e. nothing that is contrary to God's word). (3) Do not limit God.

Sometimes we think we know best and try to tell Him how He should go about solving our problems - this is 'tying God's hands' and He will do nothing.

I remember once, I spent three days in constant prays and asking God to fix a problem I was having. I told Him how He should do it, for it was the only way that it could be done.

The situation became critical and I was tired of beseeching Him with no answer. Totally exhausted I cried out and said "Lord I give up."

Do whatever you want!" within twenty minutes of that surrendered prayer God performed a miracle, beyond my wildest dream. So be encouraged, your answer is on its way... Don't quit!



Maryland House of Delegates Representative and founding member of the Jamaica Association of Maryland (JAM), Shirley Natham-Pulliam (2nd left), presents the 2014 Marcus Garvey UNIA award to Asst. Professor of Ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins University, Jamaican born Dr. Basil Morgan (3rd left), at JAM's annual Independence Ball commemorating the country's 52nd year of independence on Saturday, August 9, at the Martin West Ballroom in Baltimore, Maryland. Sharing in the occasion (l-r) is President of the National Association of Jamaican and Supportive Organization (NAJASO), Rick Nugent and President of the Jamaica Association of Maryland (JAM), Mr. Noel Godfrey. (Photo by Derrick Scott)



Mount Vernon Mayor Ernie Davis (c) talks at the friends and family funfest event held on July 27 in Mount Vernon with the organizers (l-r) Devon Denton and Kasuele Kev.



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Golden Krust's CEO Lowell Hawthorne (7th l), along with other management and staff of the company and the Mavis & Ephraim Hawthorne Golden Krust Foundation pose with recipients of the Foundation's 2014 scholarships and book grant program. The presentation took place on August 12 at the United Church of Jesus Christ, Bronx.

Community leader and business consultant Kenneth Plummer poses with a fan during the Jamaican 52nd Independence celebration held in Mount Vernon City on August 9.

New York City based reggae artist, Mr. Rajah poses for the camera before performing at the Jamaican 52nd Independence celebration held in Mount Vernon City on August 9.

Veteran event/marketing executive Irie Dale talks money with Shackrima Chen-Phang, CEO of the Money Club Media at a recent event in Mount Vernon.

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(l-r) Nolan Martin, home improvement contractor; Hopeton Willis, owner of Dazzles Restaurant and Lounge and organizer of the Jamaica's 52nd Independence Day celebration; Kimmy Maitland, poet and singer and Patrice B. Miller, licensed funeral director. The celebration which was held on August 9 in Mount Vernon was attended by several hundreds residents.



Mount Vernon City Councilman Richard Thomas with his wife and child during the Jamaican 52nd Independence celebration event held in the City on August 9.



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- MV STRONG Program at MVHS Room 245
- Mandela/Zollicoffer High School-Main Office
- WWDAY Program Room LL21 at Thornton High School
- A.B. Davis Middle School – Guidance Office
- Longfellow Middle School – Guidance Office

Youth are encouraged to complete and return applications to the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau office located on the 3rd floor of City Hall at One Roosevelt Square beginning Monday, September 22, 2014-Friday, September 26, 2014 between the hours of 3-4 pm.

Youth must be a Mount Vernon resident in order to be considered for Fall Employment. Returning a completed application with the original requested documents does not guarantee employment.

**DaMia
Harris
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Applications will also be made available beginning Monday, September 8, 2014 commencing Friday, September 26, 2014 online at <http://youth.cmvny.com>.

"The goal of the employment program is to develop 21st Century youth competencies related to the workplace. Through paid work experiences, participants will learn to juxtapose the basic skills that have been acquired in school with the soft skills that are learned in the workplace," said DaMia Harris Madden, Executive Director of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau.

For further information regarding 2014 Fall After-school Employment, please contact Debbie Butler or Tiffany Morris at 914-665-2346 or Dburrell@cmvny.com.



PROUD MOM:

Sherefa Whyte of Bronx holds her eight-month-old-baby Kacey at the Pals' organized "family fun day" held recently in Mount Vernon.

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Tips For Choosing The Right Hairstylist

1. Communication is key

Choosing a stylist is creating a relationship. You are hiring someone to create your vision of yourself and they need to be able to understand your requests to deliver them. Make sure you can communicate clearly and openly with them. There should always be an initial consultation where you both just sit down and talk about what you want. If they don't think that what you're asking is a realistic expectation, they need to tell you why ahead of time.

2. Presentation

Ask yourself: How does the stylist look? Are they dressed to my expectations? Or are they sloppy in a pair of sweatpants? How does their hair look? If they look like a mess, that means that they don't care enough about their appearance so don't expect them to care more about yours.

Also, if they look the part but don't know the difference between a follicle and a cuticle, run! If they didn't take the time to educate themselves on their industry of choice, don't trust that they are informed enough to make your hair as beautiful and healthy as it can be.

3. Education-Yours!

Your connection with your stylist should not be relegated to the salon chair. Creating a beautiful hairstyle is only half the job. They should also tell you how to maintain what they've given you and educate you on caring for your hair at home so it stays healthy.

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4. The Environment

How is the salon? Is it clean enough for your standards? Were you greeted? Do you feel comfortable there? Your relationship to the environment where you get beautified has a tremendous affect on your overall experience.

5. Referrals-To Give and To Receive

The best way to get the truth about a stylist is through a referral. That way you can ask the tough questions like: Are they happy with how their hair is styled? Is their hair healthier since visiting the salon (as a result of advice from the stylist and their own hair-care practices)? Do they end up waiting often for the stylist to appear? Referrals from existing clients can help give you a fair and balanced view of the stylist before you spend any hard-earned money.

Since referrals are one of the primary ways stylists get new clients, check to see if the salon offers referral benefits. Do you get credits in your account for bringing in new business? You should.

Finally, be sure to check out their existing clients before they leave the salon. If they look spectacular and beautiful, chances are you will too.

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JAMAICA INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION:

Patterson, New Jersey Councilmen William McKoy (3rd l) and Anthony Davis (4th l) pose with (l-r) Jamaican nationals (l-r) Winston Taurus, Wesley McKoy, Ashari Warren, Oratio McKoy and David Warren at the Jamaican flag raising ceremony to celebrate the 52nd anniversary of Jamaica's independence held on August 8 at City Hall, Patterson. Over 600 people attended the event including Mayor Joey Essex, Councilman Sayegh, Councilwoman Cotton, Councilwoman Davina, Freeholder Pat Lepore and Passaic County Sheriff Berdnik.



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Tyrus -a role model for kids

PATERSON:

Tyrus Odom-Holly was a 15-year-old eighth grader at the city's Dr. Martin Luther King School when he felt the handcuffs close around his wrists. That was back in 2007 when he and another youth had robbed a woman near Blessed Sacrament Church on 6th Avenue.

Odom-Holly distracted her while the other boy grabbed her purse. "He got away and I got caught," Odom-Holly recalled.

What followed were two days at the old Passaic County juvenile detention center, two days of having guards tell him when to eat and sleep, two days of bad food and worse thoughts.

"I felt dumb," he recalled. "I didn't like the environment. I wasn't raised that way. I said it would never happen again. It was a lesson learned."

Fast-forward the tape of Odom-Holly's life to this week as he prepares to perform at the Boys and Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic on Friday. As the rap artist known as "Young Mike," he has performed on bigger stages – in New York City, Philadelphia and Atlantic City. But doing the show for



Paterson kids in the club's summer camp program is special for him, special too for some staff members at the program who recall Odom-Holly when he was in grammar school. "Tyrus is a role model for kids who want to do better with their lives," said Giovanni Restrepo, chief operations officers at the boys club. "He's a perfect example that it can be done."

Odom-Holly recently entered a recording deal and is working on establishing his own clothing line. But he has yet to attain what most people would call stardom.



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Where the men are?

Courtesy of msn.com

Wondering where to find a good man these days? Matchmaker Paul Carrick Brunson shares new dating data that may surprise you. It includes data analysis on thousands of new couples from 17 countries whom have met offline. So, literally, these thirteen places are where the men are – and some of them are going to surprise you.

#1 on the job

Coming in at number one is none other than the spot many of us spend more hours at than anywhere else—our place of employment.

Chances are, if you're single, that guy sitting next to you at the weekly meeting is who will be jumping the broom with you. Yes, 20.2% of couples met this way. Maybe you should grab that drink after work after all.

#2 at the bar or club

Okay, I had to look twice when I read this. Folks are really finding love in the club. Usher would be proud! I know you won't believe it, but 18.8% of couples met this way. Yes, really!

#3 introduced by a friend

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#4 at a house party or social gathering
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#5 at college

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#6 a public space

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#8 large social event

If you attend The Superbowl, NBA All-Star weekend or ESSENCE Festival, you'll see why this is an effective way to meet people. I'm telling you, 4.2% of couples in the study met this way.

#9 introduced by family

At one point in history, this was the number one source of meeting a significant other. Believe it or not, 3.8% of couples met this way.

#10 around the neighborhood

The block is hot! This truly underscores how proximity is the single biggest indicator of love. Approximately 3.8% of couples met this way.

#11 hobby and volunteer groups

This is one of the top ways to meet new people that I suggest to my clients. A strong 3.8 percent of couples met this way.

#12 sports teams

Use sites like Meetup.com to find adult sports leagues in your area! One point six percent of couples studied met this way.

#13 church

Singles' ministries may not be happy to hear this news but the church's role as a matchmaker has shrunk every year for the last 20 years. Only 1.6% of couples met this way.

Angry Wife Resents Husband for Hiding News of His Health

Dear Divine Diva:

When my husband is sick or needs to have surgery, he refuses to tell his family and doesn't want me to. This puts me in an awkward position.

I'm damned if I do tell them because he will be upset with me, and damned if I don't because his family won't trust me, and I don't want things that way. Invariably, when he gets home, he calls his family and tells them all about his surgery, and I'm left looking like I withheld the information, when it's not me at all.

I have asked him what if he dies. His family will be upset not only by the tragedy, but also at me for having kept them in the dark. I'm considering leaving him over this.

I don't deserve this from him. And no, he won't see a counselor and I won't do it alone, so do you have any other advice than that?

— In A Very Difficult Position

Dear In A Very Difficult Postion: You should not be made to feel that you're stuck in the middle. It would be nice if your husband understood that when he is sick enough to be hospitalized that you might need the emotional support his family could offer. But since it's not going to happen, he should make plain to his family that he prefers to be the bearer of this kind of news, and the reason they aren't hearing it from you is because he wants it that way.

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ARIES (March 21- April 19) It is possible that you are experiencing considerable anger during this period. The arena is in the territory of investments, debts, partner's resources and intimacy. You may be encountering a brick wall with a stop sign on it. It might be easier to rethink your strategy and find a different path.

TAURUS (April 20- May 19) You may be taking a sober look on one or more relationships. Even the very closest friends cannot know each other from the inside. Sometimes we forget this fact and need to become that we are aware actually separate beings, helping when we can. Sometimes our energy is too low to be there for one another.

GEMINI (May 20- June 20) Past work on a significant project related to your home pays off now. It has demanded major attention to the details, but they are now integrating well. Contracts may be signed that favor you monetarily. The financial Powers That Be are in your favor. Take a deep breath.

CANCER (June 21- July 21) You may not be feeling quite comfortable with yourself this week. It appears your mind is in conflict with your feelings. Do the best you can to deal with this issue up front, perhaps by journaling or discussing it with a friend. Keep in mind that it is not a mandate for you to settle on a decision right now.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 21) You began a project in the areas of home, hearth and family in the early fall of 2013. The

result of that effort is probably that you have used it in more ways than you initially thought. There may not be marching bands, bells and whistles, but it is a satisfying accomplishment, especially if you have been repairing property or familial relationships.

VIRGO (Aug. 22- Sep. 22) The Sun enters your first solar house this week and your next birthdate is soon. We often make new starts at this time. Aspects favor short distance travels, education, teaching, siblings or roommates, children and even romance. Little can go wrong with such a great setup.

LIBRA (Sep. 23- Oct. 22) Necessary expenses (those not of the "fun" type) may develop this week. If not that, you could be just having a little blue mood. It is one of those times when we become aware that our loved ones can never know or understand fully what is inside of us. This is an existential dilemma that everyone encounters now and then. It will pass quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23- Nov. 21) The Powers That Be in your life may seem totally unyielding at this time. Remember that the small force of relentlessly dripping water can wear away a stone. Give attention to the most minor of details and prepare to move slowly and deliberately forward. If the idea is not worth that effort, let it go.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 20) You have no new aspects on the horizon this week, but it is just as well. You are probably still dealing with an apparent no-win situation that has used your time and energy for a couple of weeks. No doubt you would like to be done with it

so you can move forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 19) This is a wonderful week to concentrate on research or some other mental project. Your mind is clear and things seem to flow from one thing to another. You have favorable aspects for travel, networking, and connections with those from a distance, or via the internet. Publishing and /or legal interests are in your favor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20- Feb. 17) Acceleration, or forward motion, is slammed by the brakes. Perhaps this is your

personal agenda, doing battle that you have used it in more ways than you initially thought. There may not be marching bands, bells and whistles, but it is a satisfying accomplishment, especially if you have been repairing property or familial relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 18- Mar. 19) Our culture has an unhealthy game called "guilt versus anger". There is a requirement that must be met and you are pegged as the rescuer. If you don't adopt the role you will feel a sense of guilt. But when you do, there is anger underneath the action because after all, why should you be required to do this thing?

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By
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Breakfast should be between 300 and 400 calories each day.

-Small coffee	-Hardboiled egg
-Whole grain toast	-Orange juice
-Yogurt	-English muffin
-Cup of melon	-Small banana
-Milk	-Granola bar
-Bagel with peanut butter	-Apple

Dinner should be about 700 calories each day.

- Lean cuts of chicken, pork, or beef
- Salmon, tuna, or other fish
- A grain, such as rice, beans, or whole wheat pasta
- Vegetables as a salad or a side dish
- Vinaigrette or olive oil/vinegar for salad
- Fruit or yogurt as a dessert

Snacks should be between 100 and 150 calories each day.

- Yogurt with fruit
- Bag of pretzels
- Granola bar
- Cup of fruit
- Banana
- Apple
- Orange

Lunch should be between 400 and 500 calories each day.

-Wheat Sandwich-Tuna	-Large salad
-Side Salad	-Water
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10 Things Great Talent Always Does

By Stirling Cox
Managing Director- Alphasights
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Finding amazing talent is a tricky process. Making talent recruitment a top priority can multiply the success of an organization.



1. They talk about their long-term goals. Talented candidates aren't afraid of their future. In fact, they're excited about their career and what's in store. Ask candidates about their long-term goals during a job interview. Those with great talent will talk about their prospective future with the company and what they plan to accomplish if hired.

2. They're resourceful and prepared for anything. Great talent is prepared for any situation. The ability to think and act on the spot is a quality few people have. People with top-notch talent know their resume inside and out, have their portfolio ready and can answer interview questions without stumbling over their thoughts.

3. They display confidence in any situation. There's a fine line between confidence and arrogance when identifying top talent. Confident individuals, however, can handle any situation and accept the reality that it's OK to be wrong. During the interview, ask candidates about their weaknesses. Look for a candidate who can confidently speak about weaknesses and explain the lessons they have learned.

4. They market their versatility. Individuals who are truly talented possess a wide range of skills and can transfer them to different roles and succeed. Ask candidates about a time when they had to try something new or apply their skills in an unusual situation. A good candidate will be able to share an experience or two.

5. They prioritize results. Talented people care about results. They have a burning passion to accomplish their goals, both in their personal life or career. Those who possess top talent will talk about what they want to accomplish once hired without the interviewer having to ask.

6. They ask smart questions. Bright individuals are curious people. Because of this, they'll ask questions to learn more about an organization and how it functions. During the interview, a talented candidate will ask questions about what he or she is expected to accomplish if hired.

7. They're extremely flexible. Many organizations continuously update their goals and implement new strategies. Top talent can adjust to such changes without becoming derailed from success. Ask candidates about a time when they had to quickly adapt to a new situation and what happened.

8. They're comfortable with taking risks. Risk taking is involved at any business. Talented people aren't afraid of pushing the envelope to discover new ideas. Ask candidates about a time when they had to take a risk. Their response should provide enough insight about whether they can take big enough risks.

9. They bring passion to the position and organization. This might seem like a cliché, but passion is a quality that sets apart those with great talent from lackluster candidates. When a talented person is passionate about what he or she does, that individual is not afraid to tell a prospective employer.

10. They communicate effectively with a variety of stakeholders. Strong communicators have the ability to take organizations to the next level. When speaking to candidates over the phone or in person or exchanging emails, pay close attention to how they communicate. This gives employers a better indication of their communication skills.



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Jamaica, United We Win and Divided We kill!

What sense, what honor is it to even want to kill for what you say you believe in, when you only truly stand for it with your mouth?

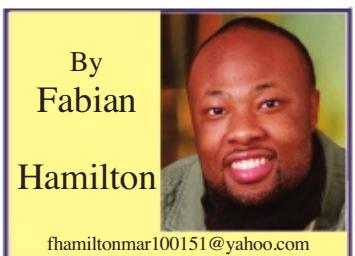
Jamaicans are quick to say with intense passion that they are of this, or that allegiance, yet many are ignorant and very indis-
pulsive in being so. They will quickly declare, this is what I am about and "bun a fire pon dat", for the things that they are against - and you would tune into the news later and hear someone was brutally murdered.

However, if they were to benefit from, or through what they say they are against, then they would easily forget their stance and align with that thing, or person. Such disposition is not only ignorant but disgraceful. You were against it, but now that you can get some food, some money from it, through it, you are for it, you uphold that thing, or person with that way, but look, you just killed someone for being that same way. What nonsense, what madness. Now I can see why people say that Marcus Garvey was, "Sold out for Rice and Peas."

When you say you are of this, or of that, it is not your love for a cause, but your love for division, which springs from your love for only yourself. You only believe in, care, and have love for yourself, thus you see things as only you that matters and relevant.

Only your way is right, you are against him not because merits shows he is wrong, but just because he is not you. Therefore, you kill because someone is not you, you have no tolerance simply because someone is not you.

You kill and put love ones to suffer, merely because another is not you. Great madness. What about individuality, what about every man has a right to decide his own destiny? So, when you say, "me ah Gorgon", you're just simply saying - "regardless of my merits, regardless of my fellow man merits, only I matter, I am the best, and that means - man fi dead."



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Now tell me what are you really about? That's a rhetorical question, I know you really don't have a clue. You will have two Jamaicans reasoning, and if one say something and the other can't see it, or if it oppose to what he is saying, he will say, "nothing goes like that", because he strongly take it that only his way is right, and as they continue arguing their point, he will get loud and start a fight, and sometimes even kill the other for that. The problem is, Jamaicans need to learn that if you are not open, then you should not argue.

Now, It is a popular saying amongst Jamaicans that, 'Jamaicans like to put up with almhouse'; they will talk against slackness, but still will uphold slackness if they can benefit from it.

When you have a belief, a stand, to truly practice what you preach you must not contradict it. To simply say that you are this, or representing for that, and battling against this, with it just being that, only with your mouth, lip service, is not a real dedication to a cause, breeds division and makes your stand a fall. It is sad that many Jamaicans don't know what they truly stand for, and yet lives are taken away with them being so.

If you stand for justice, then that is what you are living for, you breathe it, and nothing or no one can sway your commitment and dedication to that purpose, you will be even ready to die for it. However, you can't act for your cause this minute, and the next minute you are contradicting and betraying yourself.

Semi Matic'

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While growing up in Kingston, Jamaica and attending Calabar High School, Darnell 'Semi Matic' Lemuel always had high hopes of breaking into the music industry as a professional entertainer.

He migrated 2000 to Bronx where he continued to perform his reggae acts among a strong Jamaican/Caribbean population.

He also developed a love for hip hop and rap music, jamming to acts like DMX and Jay Z, and even tried some rapping.

This multi-talented dance hall (Dee Jay) act is very popular in New York City, but is hoping to 'bus' in Jamaica where he visits regularly. "The Yankee dem love dancehall yuh nuh, but yuh haffi come a

yard fi get the stamp of approval," he said.

Semi Matic has done the rounds on the local dancehall circuit and performed at several high-profile shows including Irie Jamboree and the Best of the Best in Miami.

He is currently promoting 'Good Good Picture,' 'Success,' 'Analytical Alz,' and his latest hit entitled 'Shades.'

Semi Matic is also part of the GMG production unit out of The Bronx, as well as Bounty Killer's Alliance camp, which has helped launch the careers of numerous dancehall acts.

Semi Matic has recently released the mix-tape, 'Population Control,' which may also be downloaded at mixtapedyardy.com.



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